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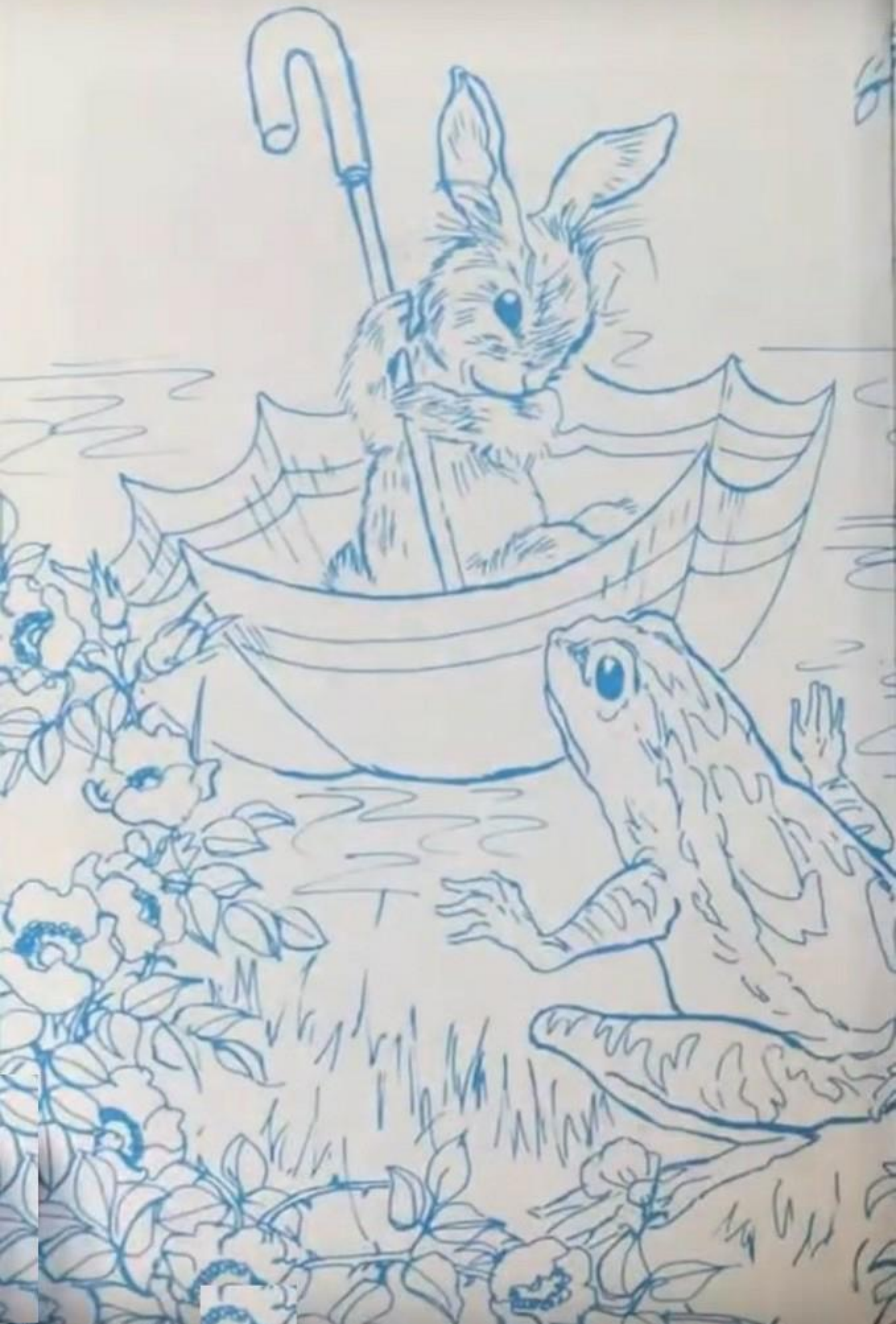

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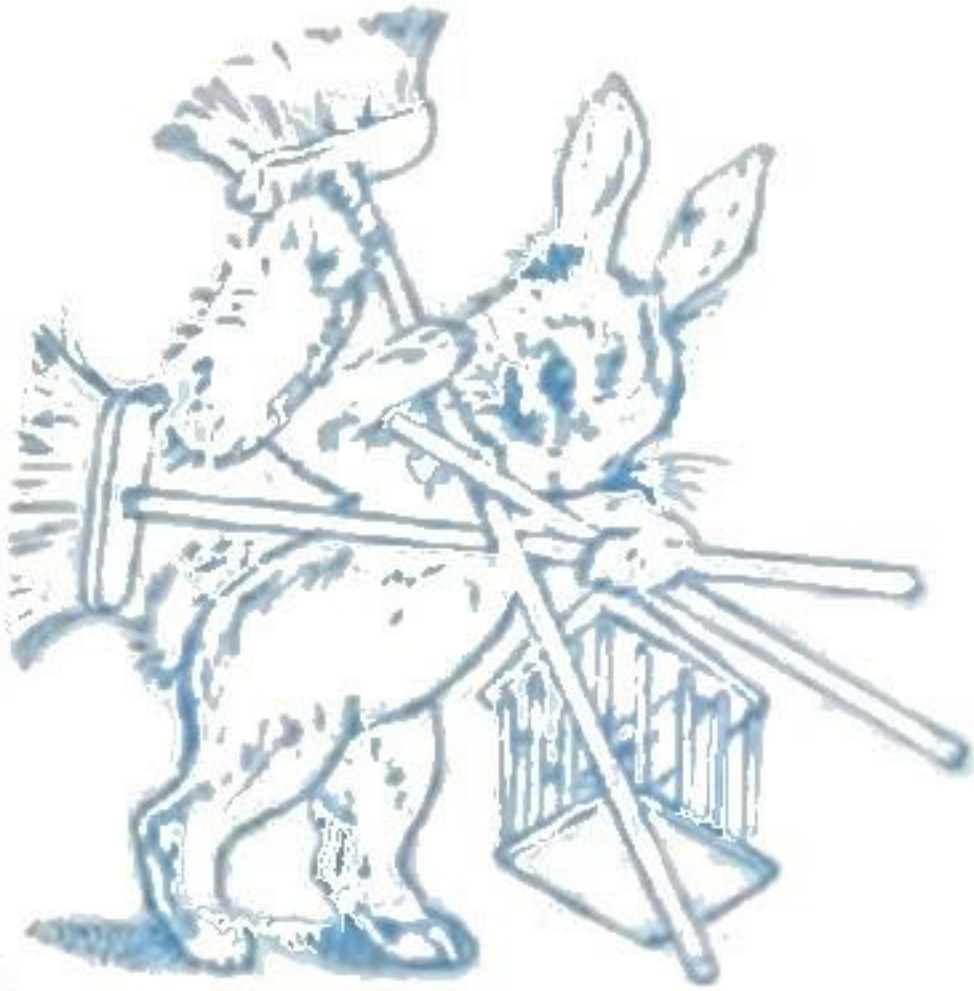

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" Bunneymeade " was by the river,
Which was dangerously near:
Mr. Bunney-Fluff was worried,
Mrs. Fluff was sick with fear.

Every day a twin was missing,
Every day another fright:
" Oh ! " she cried, " It's most upsetting,
And my fur is turning white ! "

" Flip and Flop are both so clumsy;
One of them will soon be drowned !
We shall have to leave the river:
Somewhere safer must be found ! "

" Every day, such coughs and sneezes;
First it's Flip and then it's Flop!"
Mr. Bunney-Fluff said " Yes, dear!
Such a state of things must stop!"

Then and there he left the table

(Didn't even say his grace!)

Off he went with his umbrella,

"I'll soon find another place!"

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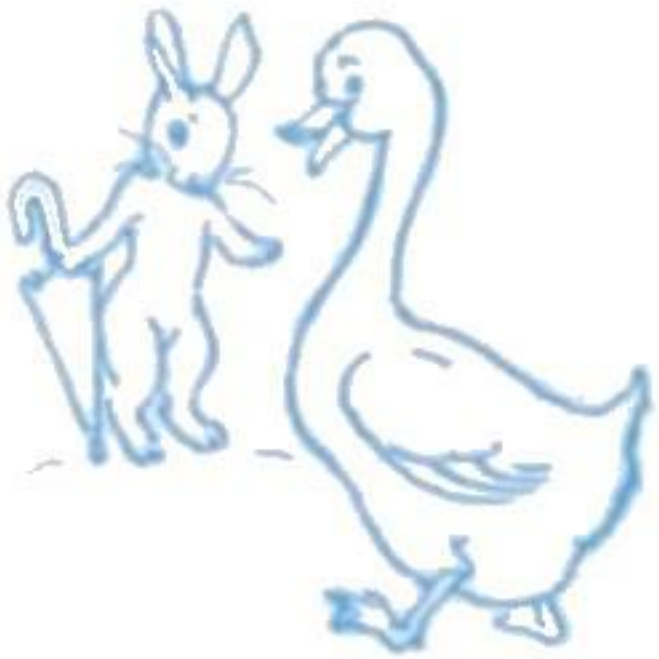
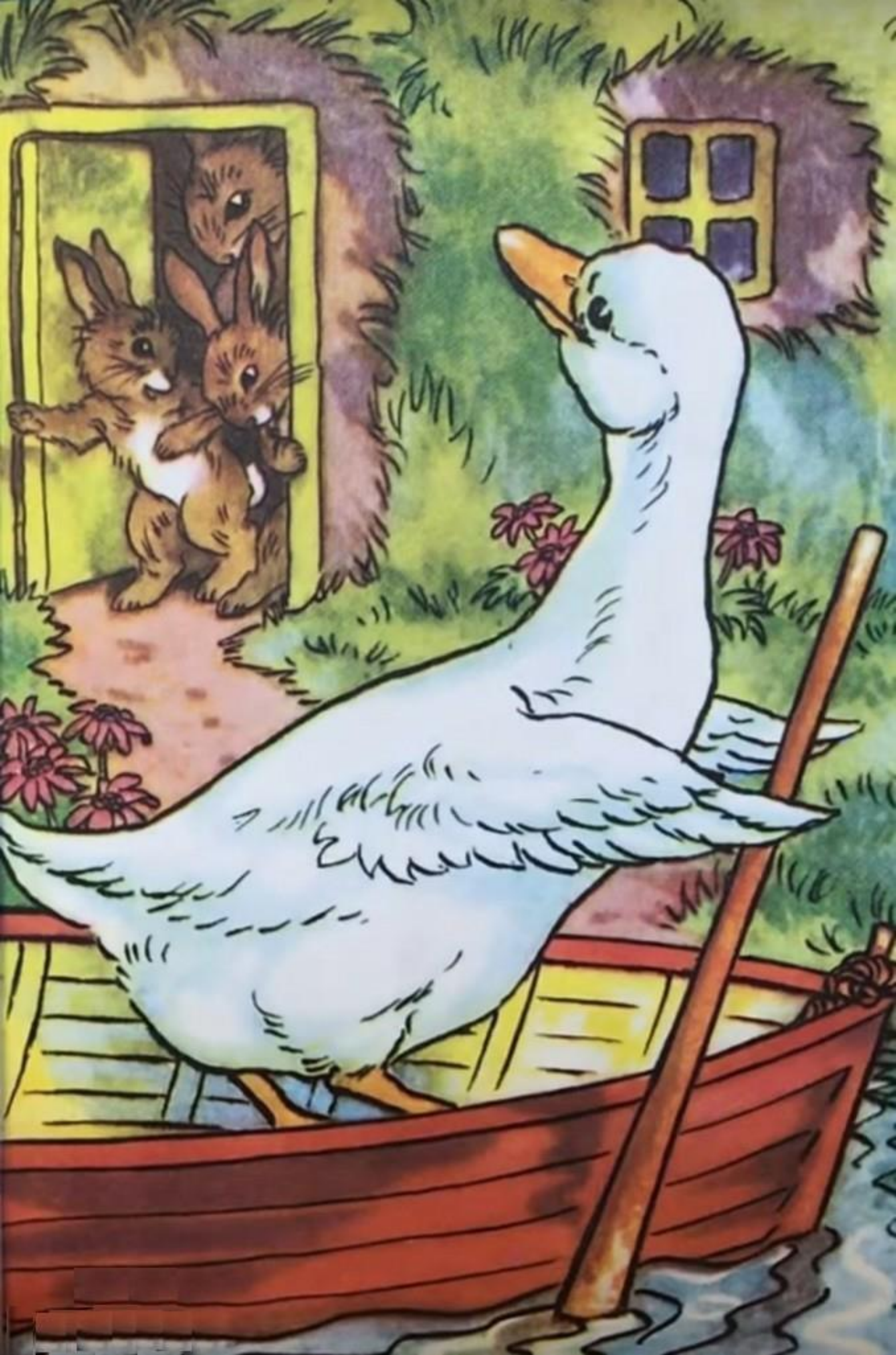


Back he came (in time for dinner!),
Said, "I've found the very spot,
Over there across the river,
And we'll call it Bunney-Cot!"

"This is Mr. Duck, the boatman,
Who will help us move the things:
—He is very good at rowing,
Though he does it with his wings!"



So with chairs and bowl and table,
They began to fill the boat,
Mr. Duck, who held it steady,
Wondered, "Will it keep afloat?"

Next they brought the washing basket
With the pots and carrot-tin.
And the boatman, as he helped them,
Thought "We'll *never* get them in!"

Still they came with beds and bedding
And with birdcage and with broom
What a crowd of things for packing,
How could any boat have room?

Sister Flip was in a tangle
With the brushes and the cage,
—She was carrying too many
For a bunny of her age!

Mr. Bunney-Fluff was laden:

Blankets, pillows, washing too;

Flop just carried the umbrella,

—Quite enough for *him* to do.

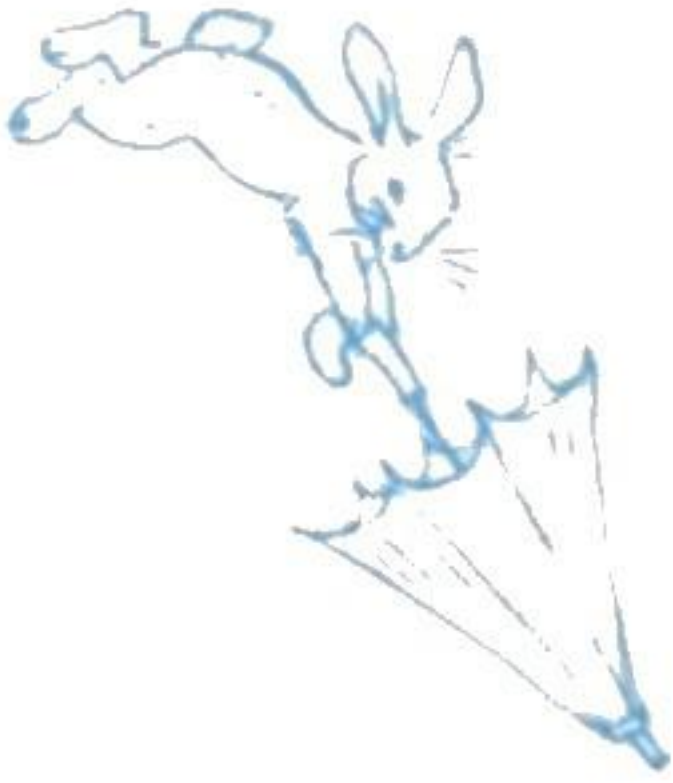
Mr. Duck grew rather nervous,
Furniture grew mountain high,
Flip and Flop grew most excited,
Flop had nearly reached the sky.

Up aloft the twins were settled,
Called " Hooray ! " and " Let us go ! "
And the river gurgled gently,
Winding smoothly far below !

" Bunneymeade " was cold and empty :
But the boat was much too full :
Mr. Duck was very doubtful,
Gave his oar a gentle pull.

What a rocking and a wobbling
Shook the queer removal-van :
What a slipping and a sliding
And a swaying now began.

Everything began a-moving,
Everything and every-one ;
Flip and Flop were going over,
Going, going, going, GONE !



Down went Flop and his umbrella,

Head-first down towards the stream:

Down went Flip, still in the basket,

With a frightened little scream.

On the mattress, Mr. Bunney

Seized the washing at his side,

Looked among the floating objects:

"Where are Flip and Flop?" he cried.

When he saw them, far below him,
In such funny sailing craft:
Mr. Fluff forgot to worry,
Looked at them and laughed and laughed.

Flip and Flop were gaily racing,
Flop's umbrella in the lead,
Flip behind with her canary
Safe, and rather pleased, indeed!

Water Rats were quite astonished
At a Bunney-Fluff afloat:
Raised their little paws in wonder:
Stared at Flop's umbrella-boat!

Willy Water-Rat said "Wendy,
We must try to rescue Flop!"
"Willy, you are right!" she answered;
So they dived in, plip! and plop!

Master Flop was quite delighted
As he held them by the tails :
Cried " What lovely water-horses !
Now I need no oars or sails ! "

Further back Old Frog was dozing :
Noticed Flip upon the stream :
Looked, and looked again, and murmured
" Well, this *is* a funny dream ! "

" Never have I seen a bunny
Sailing down the stream before,
And I'm very, very ancient,
—I believe I'm nearly four ! "

So he dived into the water:

Said the Minnows "What a fuss!

Deary me!" and "Oh, good gracious!

Is Old Froggy cross with us?"

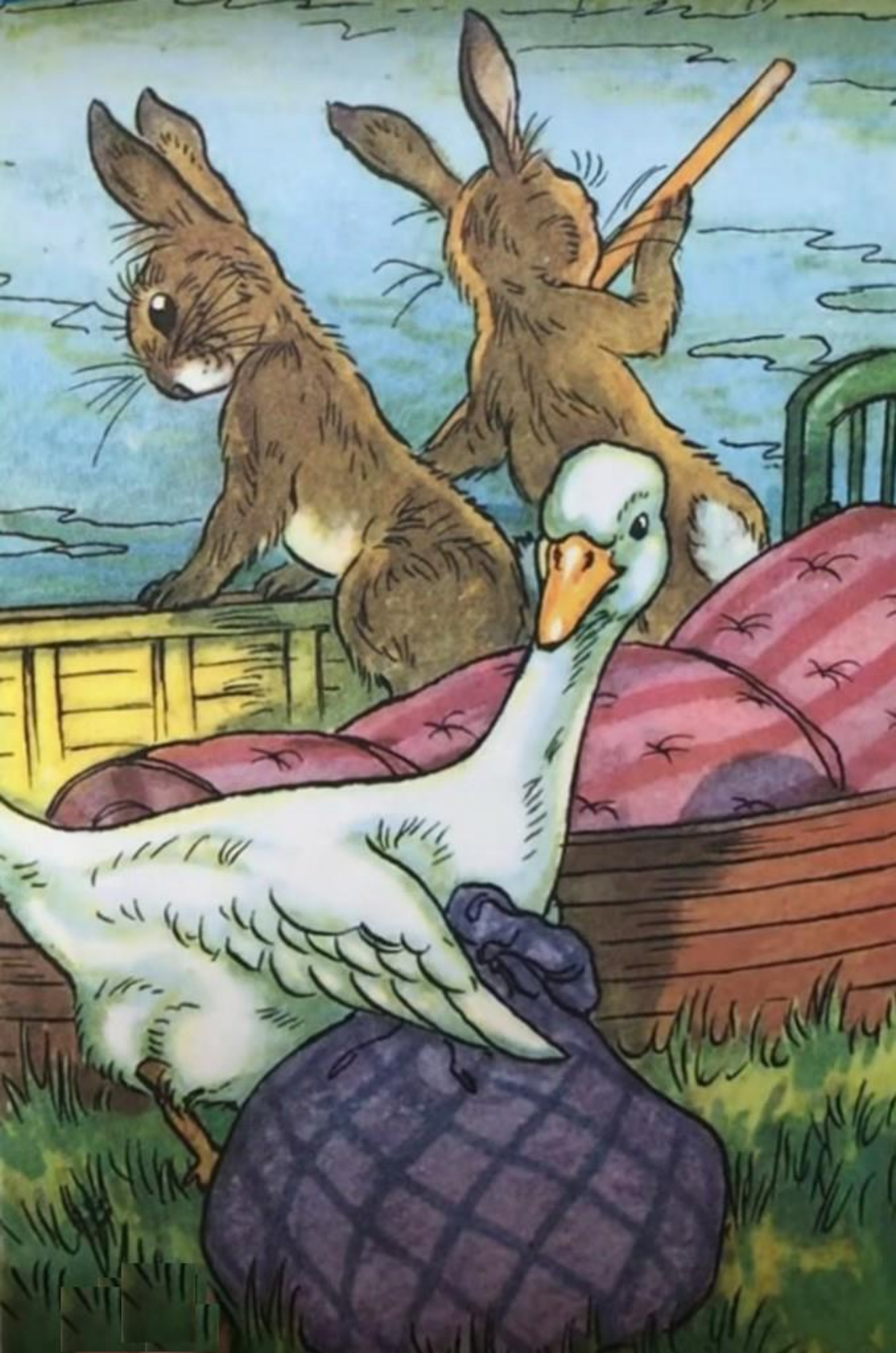
Froggy gently pushed the basket:

And towards the shore they came:

Flip said "Thank you!" and Canary

Said "Tweet-tweet!"—which means
the same!

Meanwhile Bunney-Fluffs and Boatman
Reached the further river side;
Having rescued their belongings
On the voyage—what a ride!



Landed, too, was Flop the Sailor,
And he gave a squeak of joy
When he noticed Flip was waving,
So he shouted " Flip, ahoy ! "

Safe ashore, the twins remembered
Tea should soon be on the way,
So they hurried to the others,
To complete the moving day

Then the furniture was carried
From the river, up the hill,
And the Water-Rats and Froggy
Came and helped them with a will.

Soon the furniture was settled
And a lovely tea was spread;
Soon the guests had all departed
And the twins were safe in bed.

Mrs. Bunney-Fluff was happy!
—No more wettings in the stream,
All her cares and all her worries
Vanished like an ugly dream.

Bunneymeade and all its dangers
Was a house they soon forgot,
But they always would remember
Moving-day to Bunney-Cot.

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